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SUBJECT: GUADELOUPE VOLCANO ACTIVITY

1. GUADELOUPE S VOLCANO, AFTER 48 HOURS OF HEIGHTENED ACTIVITY, HAS BEGUN TO SHOW SIGNS THAT A MAJOR ERUPTION IS POSSIBLE. IN LAST FEW DAYS THE AREA AROUND THE CAPITAL TOWN OF BASSE TERRE HAS EXPERIENCED OVER 300 SMALL EARTHQUAKES AND EVIDENCE SUGGESTS INCREASED INTERIOR PRESSURE WITHIN THE VOLCANIC SYSTEM. CONSEQUENTLY THE PREFET OF GUADELOUPE ORDERED THE EVACUATION OF ST. CLAUDE, A SMALL TOWN AT THE FOOT OF THE VOLCANO, AND ALL HOSPITALS AND LESS THAN ABLE-BODIED PERSONS IN BASSE TERRE YESTERDAY EVENING. IN ADDITION, SOME 70 PERCENT OF ALL BASSE TERRE S RESIDENTS HAVE DEPARTED FOLLOWING THE PREFET S ADVICE, BUT NOT ORDER, THAT THEY DO SO.

2. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CONTACT THE THREE U.S. CITIZENS RESIDING IN THE AREA ORDERED EVACUATED AND HAVE REQUESTED FRENCH AUTHORITIES TO MAKE SURE THEY HAVE IN FACT DEPARTED. MEANWHILE WE WILL KEEP EYE ON SITUATION IN ORDER TO ADVISE TWO OTHER U.S. CITIZEN FAMILIES IN BANANIER AND CAPESTERRE TO DEPART IF THAT BECOMES NECESSARY. GOF HAS POSITIONED AUTO AND NAVAL TRANSPORT TO EVACUATE ALL REMAINING PERSONS IN DANGER ZONES.

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